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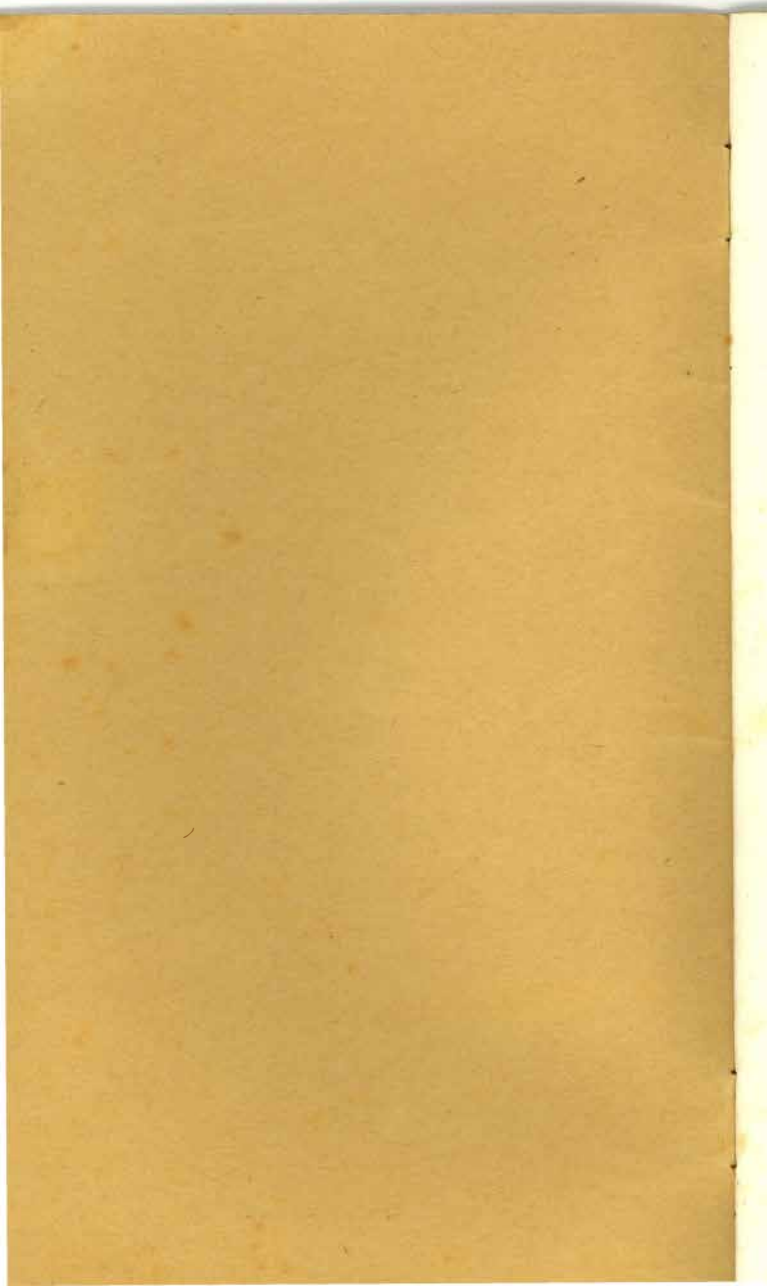
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New Hope Association convened on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 27 and 28, 1948, to meet the delegates from the sister churches composing New Hope Association of United Baptists.

Convened at the Little Union Church on Stone Coal, Garrett, Floyd County, Ky., by singing Zion songs.

1. Elder Ira Fields introduced the services and Elder F. F. Smith offered prayer. Then came Elder Johnny King and preached the introductory sermon from the 8th chapter of Hebrews, 5th verse. "For see, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount."

2. After which the delegates convened to the church for business, singing and old-time gospel songs. Then came Elder F. F. Rigsby and gave a short exhortation and prayer. The clerk, Elder Alex Stephens, read the Rules of Decorum and the presiding moderator, Elder B. W. Craft, advised a strict compliance to same.

3. Moved and seconded that the moderator appoint brothers to see that the stand be occupied by ministers of our faith and order, to wit: Elder Earnest Ward, Bro. W. C. Ratliff, and Bro. Jim Childers.

4. Moved and seconded the moderator appoint committee to see that order be kept while the Association is in session, to wit: Troy Mullens, Kendell Fraizure, and Pearl Conley.

5. Moved to seat transient ministers of our faith, to wit: Elder Sammie Preston, Elder Kenneth Likens, Elder Ira Berry, Elder Sam Likens, Elder Glen Arwood, Elder Jessie Nelson, Elder John Brown, Elder T. J. Smith, Elder Mildred O'Bryon, Elder Furman Blair.

6. Called for letters and delegates from the sister churches. Letters read and received and delegates seated as New Hope Association of

United Baptists, to wit:

Prestonsburg—Eld. Alex Stephens, Bro. Oscar Richardson, Bro. Warren Miller were delegates.

East Point—Eld. Paris Music, Bro. Will Music, Bro. Clarence Price were delegates.

Chestnut Grove—Bro. Milt Holbrook, Bro. Ed Manuel, Bro. Alford Prater were delegates.

Little Union—Eld. Earnest Ward, Bro. Jim Childers, Bro. W. C. Ratliff were delegates.

Little Rock—Bro. Bill Hale and Bro. J. B. Bayes were delegates.

New Hope—Eld. B. W. Craft, Eld. Wm. Hall, and Bro. Wallace Calhoun were delegates.

Little Dove—Bro. Jim McSurely, Bro. Bruce Blair, and Bro. W. M. Shepherd were delegates.

Little Ella—Eld. Frank McGuire, Bro. Ollie Back, and Haskell Back were delegates.

New Life—Eld. Bert Conn, Bro. Dave Conn, and Bro. Sam Elkins were delegates.

Cynthia Ann—Eld. Johnnie King, Bro. Jarvis Newsome, and Elder Ben Stapleton were delegates.

Clear Creek—Bro. W. M. Boyd, Bro. Vernon Hall, and Bro. Jack Moore were delegates.

Easter—Elder Fred Smith, Elder Ollie Walters, and Bro. Earnest Reffitt were delegates.

By move and second the above named delegates were seated as New Hope Association.

7. Called for new churches. None responded.

8. Called for correspondent letters and messengers and received as follows:

Paint Union by the hands of Elder Hargus Conley, Elder F. F. Rigsby, and Elder L. T. Preston. Letter read and received and messengers seated by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Iron Hill by the hands of Elder Paul Turner, Elder Alonzo Wright, and Elder Lonnie Murray. Letter read and received and messengers seated by Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Tri-State Zion by the hands of Elder Leonard Walters, Elder Arthur Preast. Letter read and received and messengers seated by Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Mt Zion received as messenger Eld. D. D. Rickey No letter. Messenger seated by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Bethlehem by the hands of Elder H. F. Frye, Elder C. E. Counts. No letter because of the sudden death of Elder Mose Marcum. Messengers seated by the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

Blaine Union by the hands of Elder Charley Lyons. No letter. Messenger seated by Moderator giving him the right hand of fellowship.

9. By motion and second we send letters and messengers to the above named Associations and appoint brethren to write letters to them, to wit:

To Paint Union, Elder Bert Conn.

To Tri-State Zion, Eld. Paris Music.

To Mt. Zion, Eld. Frank McGuire.

To Bethlehem, Eld. Johnnie King.

To Blaine Union, Bro. Wm. Boyd.

To Iron Hill, Eld. Everett Daniels.

10. Appointed on Bill of Arrangements to wit: Elder Johnnie King, Elder F. F. Smith, Elder Frank McGuire, together with the Moderator and Clerk.

11. Moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING

1. Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, August 28, 1948, in pursuant to adjournment, we met at the church with the delegates and messengers. Zion songs were sung and a short exhortation was given by Elder Alonzo Wright. Prayer was offered by Elder L. T. Preston. The clerk, Alex Stephens, called and roll and a quorum was present. The Bill of Arrangements was read and received and the committee discharged.

Be it known to all our churches that Bro. Dan Jacobs was restored to full membership in Little Union Church.

4. Called for correspondent letters and read them and by motion and second received them and appointed messengers to bear them, to wit:

Paint Union, Eld. Johnnie King, Eld. Earnest Ward, Bro. Wm. Boyd when convened with the River Church, Johnson County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the third Saturday in Sept. 1948 and the following two days.

Iron Hill, Bro. Vernon Hall, Eld. B. W. Craft, Elder Bert Conn when convened with the Big Run Church, Scioto County, Ohio, to commence on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in Sept. 1948 and the two following days.

Tri-State Zion, Elder Paris Music, Eld. Johnnie King, Eld. Alex Stephens when convened with the New Mt. Zion Church, Lawrence County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1948 and the two following days.

Mt. Zion, Bro. Ollie Back, Eld. Frank McGuire, Eld. Ollie Walters when convened with the Grape Creek Church, Magoffin County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 1st Saturday in Sept. 1948 and the two following days.

Bethlehem, Eld. Johnnie King, Eld. Bert Conn, Bro. Wm. Boyd when convened with the Kiah's Creek Church, Wayne County, W. Va., to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in Sept. 1948 and the two followings days.

Blaine Union, Eld. Johnnie King, Eld. Bert Conn, Bro. Wm. Boyd when convened with the Laurel Fork Church, Morgan County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the third Saturday in August 1949 and the two following days.

3. Our next union meeting will be held with the Cynthia Ann Church, Pike County, Ky., to convene on Friday before the third Saturday in July 1949 and the two following days. Elder Paris Music, Elder B. W. Craft, and Elder Earnest Ward shall attend same.

4. Our next conference will be held with Little Rock Church, Myrtle, Floyd County, Ky., to convene on Friday before the second Saturday in July 1949 and the two following days. Elder Johnnie King, Elder Bert Conn, and Bro. Vernon Hall shall attend same.

5. Report of our last conference meeting held with the Little Dove Church, Dwale, Floyd County, Ky. Our next association to convene on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1949 and the two following days.

6. By voice of the delegates, Elder Bert Conn will preach the introductory sermon at our next Association. Elder Ira Fields will be his alternate.

7. Treasurer's report:

Left on hands from last year.....	\$ 23.00
Received	80.23
Total	\$103.28

8. By move and second, we have 600 copies of minutes printed and the clerk, Alex Stephens, superintend same and distribute same to the churches.

9. By voice of the delegates, Elder Leonard Walters will introduce and Elders L. T. Preston and John Brown will deliver messages on Sunday, August 29th.

10. We tender our thanks to the church and the vicinity at large for the courtesy rendered to New Hope Association and correspondent messengers of our faith and order.

11. The present minutes were read by the clerk, Elder Alex Stephens, and by motion and second were received as the 29th session of our Association.

A short exhortation was given by Elder H. F. Frye and prayer was offerd by Elder D. D. Rickey. After songs and handshaking the brethren went to the stand for dismissal. This done and signed by order of New Hope Association.

ELDER B. W. CRAFT, Moderator
ELDER PARIS MUSIC, Asst. Moderator
ELDER ALEX STEPHENS, Clerk
BRO. W. M. BOYD, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock a large congregation gathered at the church for preaching

and heard Elder Roland Stanley introduce and Elder Johnnie King offer prayer. Then came Eld. John Brown who preached from the 24th chapter of St. Luke, verses 46 and 47, "And said unto them thus it is written and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day and repentance and remission of sins be preached in his name."

Then came Elder B. W. Craft who preached from the 14th chapter of Job, verses 10 and 14 "But man dieth and wastes away, yea man giveth up the ghost and where is he? If a man die shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait until my change."

The brethren were wonderfully blessed and all witnessed the Holy Spirit's coming. It makes us think of Pentecost when they all manifested the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah!

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES

Elder B. W. Craft.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Wm. Hall.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Alex Stephens.....	Prestonsburg, Ky.
Elder A. B. Dixon.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Frank McGuire.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Harris Hackworth.....	Bonanza, Ky.
Elder F. F. Smith.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder John D. Music.....	East Point, Ky.
Elder Paris Music.....	Auxier, Ky.
Elder S. J. Johnson.....	Ashland, Ky.
Elder Ollie Walters.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Ernest Ward.....	Garrett, Ky.
Elder Johnie King.....	Harold, Ky.

Elder Ira Fields.....Allen, Ky.
 Elder Jim Fields.....Alen, Ky.
 Elder Everett Daniels.....Garrett, Ky.
 Elder Woodford Tabor.....Jeffersonville, Ky.
 Elder Burt T. Conn.....Dana, Ky.
 Elder Ben Stapleton.....Ashland, Ky.

OBITUARY

With a sad heart I try to write a sketch of my dear grandson who lost his life for his country. Alvin Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denver Nelson. He was born April 8, 1924 and went into the Army August 11, 1943, and went overseas March 1944. He was killed in Germany December 13, 1944. He was 20 years, 7 months and 5 days. He left two brothers, William Nelson and Ralph Calvin Nelson.

Oh, how I miss him none knows. He was always kind to me and never did speak short to me. He was loved by everyone who knew him and by all his schoolmates. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

By one who loved him, grandmother and grandfather,
 WM. SHEPHERD

OBITUARY

In memory of Pvt. Russell L. Robinson who died January 29, 1942, over in Trinidad.

A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is still,

A place is vacant in our home

Which never can be filled.

We think of you, darling, and know that you are awaiting our coming. We shall see you, precious son.

Sadly missed by father, mother, sisters and brother.—MR. and MRS. LEE ROBINSON, Dwale, Kentucky.

OBITUARY

Mary Frances Stanford Holbrook was born January 6th, 1863, and died February 18th, 1948,

STATISTICAL REPORT OF

Churches Names Of	Delegates
Prestonsburg	Eld. Alex Stephens, Bro. Oscar Rich Bro. Warren Miller.....
Little Rock.....	Bro. J. B. Bays, Bro. Bill Hale.... Bro. Milt Holbrook, Bro. Ed Manu
Chestnut Grove....	Bro. Alford Prater.....
East Point.....	Eld. Paris Music, Bro. Will Music, Bro. Clarence Price.....
Little Dove.....	Bro. Jim McCurely, Bro. Bruce Blai Bro. W. M. Shepherd.....
Easter	Eld. F. F. Smith, Eld. Oillie Walter Bro. Earnest Reffett.....
Clear Creek.....	Bro. W. M. Boyd, Bro. Vernon Hale Bro. Jack Moore.....
Cynthia Ann.....	Eld. Johnnie King, Eld. Ben Stapl Bro. Jarvis Newsom.....
New Life	Eld. Bert Conn, Bro. Dave Conn, Bro. Sam Elkins.....
New Hope	Eld. B. W. Craft, Eld. W. M. Hall, Bro. Wallace Calhoun.....
Little Ella	Eld. Frank McGuire, Bro. Ollie Bac Bro. Haskell Back.....
Little Union	Eld. Earnest Ward, Bro. Jim Child Bro. W. C. Ratliff.....
Totals	

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION

	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Died	Total	Foot Washing Time
Richardson,		1			1		99	4th Sat.-Sun. in July
.....	3		1	1	1		70	2nd Sat.-Sun. in July
.....								4th Sat.-Sun. in June
.....					3		40	2nd Sat.-Sun. in June
.....	5	2				2	50	3rd Sat.-Sun. in June
.....	14			1	3		31	2nd Sat.-Sun. in July
.....	4				2		47	4th Sat.-Sun. in June
.....	1	2					39	3rd Sat.-Sun. in July
.....	11	2	2	1			112	2nd Sat.-Sun. in Aug.
.....	2	2	2	2		1	57	1st Sat.-Sun. in Aug.
.....	1			1			34	3rd Sat.-Sun. in July
.....	8			4			30	1st Sat.-Sun. in July
.....	49	9	3	8	10	3	609	

at the age of 85 years, 1 month and 12 days. She leaves to mourn her loss three daughters, Mrs. Martha Lacy, Insko, Ky., Mrs. Minnie Patrick, Royalton and Mrs. Eva Stanley, Silver Lake, Indiana, and one son, Adam Holbrook, Indianapolis, Indiana. She also leaves 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

On October 19, 1881, she was united in marriage with Jasper Holbrook who preceded her in death 16 years. She was converted and baptized in the United Baptist Church by Rev. Hiram Calhoun on September 10, 1898. From this day until death she lived a consecrated Christian life, always feeding the hungry and administering all in her capacity to help the poor and needy on the road to the Lord.

This loving mother will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

OBITUARY

Pvt. Russell Hale, son of Brother Bill and Josie Hale, born November 24th, 1922, died July 12th, 1944, was 22 years old. He lost his sweet life that we, the people of God, might worship God and not be under a king as Hitler had predicted.

Our son is gone but not forgotten. We hope he is at rest and that he will be with Jesus when He comes after His church. Our son rests at home where we see his grave every day.

Dad and Mother.

OBITUARY

Sister Mary Ann Crisp Shepherd, daughter of Brother and Sister Jeff Crisp, was born June 27, 1922, and died August 9, 1948, age 26 years, two months and 12 days. She was united in marriage to Kelley Shepherd in 1940 and to this union was born two sons, Jackey and Gordan Lee. Mary Ann confessed a hope in the Lord Jesus Christ on May 1st, 1948, and was baptized by Elder Alex Stephens and Elder Paris Music and received her fellowship in the Little Dove Church, Dwale, Ky. Sister Mary Ann prayed that she might live to

be in the feet washing, which the Lord granted, and on the 3rd Sunday in June Mary Ann had the privilege to wash her mother's feet. The church has no doubt but what Mary Ann's sufferings are over. She has gone from us but has filled her seat in Heaven.

The funeral was held by Eld. Alex Stephens, Eld. Bert Conn, and Eld. Paris Music.

Writter by her church, Elder B. W. Craft, moderator; Bro. Wm. Shepherd, clerk.

OBITUARY

With sadness I try to write a short sketch of the life of dear father, Elder A. J. Stevens. Born December 6, 1870, died March 3, 1948, age 78 years. For 22 years he spent his life as a preacher in the United Baptist Church and was faithful to his calling and was loved by all his brothers and sisters and all who knew him. Dear mother preceded him in death and they lay side by side in the Elliott Cemetery at Dwale, Floyd County, Ky.

The family: Mrs. Annie Hall, Mrs. Lula Hatfield, Mrs. Pearley Burchett, Mrs. Bosie Jewell, Mrs. Martha Rose, Mrs. Rebecca Baker, Mrs. Mamie Stephens, Mrs. Mary Bell Elliott, Mr. Robert Stevens, Mrs. Willie Davis.

Dear children, let us live for the Lord that we all may join dear father and mother in the home beyond this troublesome world, where we can always live together.

Written by son,

CORNELIUS STEVENS

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Christ Jesus, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government.

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches and duly sent to represent in the Association who shall be members they think best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full fellowship, their baptized, restored, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of members present.

Art. 6. New churches shall be admitted into our union, who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Art 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association.

Art. 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the Association.

Art. 12 There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed for

that purpose.

Art. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments to this form or plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they deem it necessary.

Art. 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority, except receiving new churches and corresponding with other Associations, which shall be done by an unanimous vote.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communications among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association; 5. To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may think necessary; 6. To withdraw from any church in the union who shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association; 8. To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9. No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more Ordained Ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be

interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken before him or make any remarks on his slips and failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

Art. 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

Art. 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any title or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member till he gives his idea upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no voice unless the Association be evenly divided.

Art. 12. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be re-proved by the Association as it may think proper.

Art. 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Art. 14. The rules of decorum shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ of United Bap-

tists, are constituted on the following faith, viz.:

Art. 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of the Heaven and the earth and all things therein contained.

Art. 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His Church.

Art. 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Art. 5. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible Word of God, take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added or taken from it.

Art. 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ and that He tasted death for every man and woman upon the terms of the gospel.

Art. 7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way to administer the ordinance.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Art. 9. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

Art. 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His second coming.

Art. 11. We believe in the sum of the moral law as it stands on record in the Book of Exodus.

Art. 12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Art. 14. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous.